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Juvenile Delinquency?

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Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary

Crime Doesn't Pay — It Costs!

Increasing crime, especially that involving delinquency, is disturbing.



Dr. Gene Stone

The report of J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, points to distressing signs of the times.

Americans paid a high price for crime in 1953. Mr. Hoover stated that each family in the United States must forfeit \$495 each year to pay for crime. For every dollar spent on education, he estimates, \$1.82 is spent indirectly paying for criminal activities. For every dollar given to religious purposes, \$10 must be expended on crime.

Christians can do something about crime. A number of Christian Endeavorers have presented ideas for combating juvenile delinquency in an article in this issue of *The World*. International Society with its Christian Citizenship Crusade is endeavoring to help.

Merits Support of Parents

"It is interesting to note that Christian Endeavor is the oldest organization in our Ambridge Presbyterian Church," Dr. William W. McKinney, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Ambridge, Pa., stated in the church calendar on February 7.

The statement continued as follows:

"It was organized September 4, 1904 before either the church or the Sunday school were organized. Throughout the past 50 years, Christian Endeavor and the Church school have remained the two basic institutions in our program for the spiritual development of youth. The Church school is planned for instruction in the truths of the Bible and the convictions of our faith; whereas the

Christian Endeavor society is a training school in Christian character. Both merit the hearty support of parents."

Bon Voyage

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Poling will be leaders of *Christian Herald's* Bible-land Tour party, which leaves New York City March 23. Carroll M. Wright, who for many years conducted Christian Endeavor tours, is director. The group will visit 16 countries and island groups during 58 days of travel.

For Your Information

Rev. J. Wesley Siebert is chairman of the program committee for the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio, July 11-16, 1955. The committee will hold its first meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., March 4.

Mrs. Stanley B. Vandersall, a member of Headquarters personnel at Columbus, is recovering from an operation.

William Earl Martin, general chairman of the International Convention held at Denver, moved to Arlington Heights, Illinois recently and is now manager of Adams-Steele, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

Travis Ewing, president of Indiana Union, is now assistant to the executive secretary of the Indiana Teachers' Association in Indianapolis.

Warren P. E. Smith, head of Maryland Union, is resting at 3708 Manatee Avenue, Bradenton, Florida, following a time of hospitalization.

Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary of International Society, has been elected to the Christian Education Committee of the Presbytery of Columbus (Ohio).

Mrs. Amy Deck Faust, of Beaver Falls, Pa., who writes the monthly feature in *The World* on "Via Eye and Ear," has been made chairman of the Television Committee of United Church Women.



Out In The Corn State . . .

Iowa leaders shown at meeting in First Reformed Church, Sioux Center, are: First row (left to right), Peggy Kuyper, secretary; Esther Overbergen, president, and Herman Harmelink, first vice-president. Second row (left to right), Sara Anne Gosselink, assistant editor; Elliot Tanis, regional vice-president; Audrey Roorda, quiet hour and missionary; Rev. Norman Van Heukelom, pastor advisor; Virginia Bartels, publicity; Gertrude Wessink, second vice-president; Arloa Muilenburg, finance, and Henry Van Aartsen, District No. 1 president.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR World

COVER

Governor Frank J. Lausche signs Proclamation urging the observance of Christian Endeavor Week in the state of Ohio. Leaders of Franklin County Union watching the Governor are (left to right) Sue Fisher, Robert F. Hildreth, Connie DeRose, Doris Grandy, James McGlinchey and Eleanor Schneider. (Photo by Charles D. Stokes).

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Million Juveniles in Reform by 1960, Expert Predicts

REUDENHEIM schools still use methods approach this month. Final report on his
News Service ing brutality such as were the work will be published next
ON.—The war rule in Illinois until recent years, spring, the Children's Bureau say

Youth Of City On Crime Spree; Situation Will Worsen, Police Say

"Young America" is on a crime spree in Columbus.
Police officials admit
People

What About Juvenile Delinquency?

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ccident, He Insists;
Murder Charge
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OSU Prof Urges Fund To Fight Youth Crime

By ROBERT CRATER
Citizen Washington Bureau

Since the youth ignored the service
mands to pull over to the side
and the Nation police
profound changes in our family
system, neighborhood life and ne

After 3-County Curfew For Girls 85-Mph Chase Under 18 Ordered

DELAWARE, OHIO, FEB. 8
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Christian Endeavorers Reply To Question —

What Can We Do To Help Answer The Problem Of Juvenile Delinquency?

is Rigney, Nyssa, Oregon, says:
much has been said about juvenile
nquency, but little has been done to
rove the situation.

believe the difficulty lies in our us-
broad, pat ideas and techniques in
ng to combat something that is real-
made up of separate individual prob-
s. Each youth that heads toward the
of delinquency has had his own
ground of unhappy experiences
make him what he is.

nce there is no one great panacea
straightening out the mixed-up
ds of all juvenile delinquents, we
Christian Endeavorers should not
e time trying to find a solution to
whole problem. Our responsibility
find and give help to the confused
ng people in our own vicinity.

ow can we give that help? It can
accomplished by having a friendly
stian attitude toward such youth,
developing their friendship and
ing their confidence, by giving them
in solving their problems instead
iving them pity, and, most impor-
of all, by setting an example of
happy a Christian life can be.

ley Vander Aarde,
ago, Illinois, says:

nce coming to Chicago to attend
cal school, I have been startled at
constantly occurring headlines in the
ago papers of youth being involved
crimes — killing, stealing, arson,
robbery, narcotics and all sorts of
ul destruction of property. A day
n't pass without some reference to
while delinquents. Who are these
an? They are rich and poor alike,
s and girls who are frustrated, lone-
onging for love, overwhelmed by

the problems and disappointments of
life, trying to find their place in socie-
ty but somehow "missing the boat."

The answer is for Christian Endeav-
ors to take into their ranks these youth
whose lives have been led astray. How-
ever, sad to say, I have seen many Chris-
tian Endeavor groups who are cliquish,
too good for little Joe down the street,
and like the pharisees of old they
hold their heads high and walk by on
the opposite side of the street. Secondly,
by taking these youth into our ranks,
I do not mean only inviting them to our
socials, parties, and society activities. We
should invite them to accept our Lord
Jesus Christ as their own personal Sav-

iour, who alone holds in His hands
the answers to the problems of every-
day living. Without Him as the cause
and cornerstone of our work, Christian
Endeavor and all youth programs will
meet with dismal failure. Only by hold-
ing high the torch of Jesus Christ can
youth of America find new meaning,
new motives and ambitions in life. Only
then can we point the way to vital
Christian living and help answer the
problems of juvenile delinquency.

Mary Alice Lounsbury, Somerville,
Massachusetts, says:

Christian Endeavorers first of all can
help answer the problem of juvenile
delinquency by showing their friends
that a good time can be had without
causing destruction and perhaps injury.

They can show by good sportsman-
ship that it is not necessary to be
"tough" or cheaters to be leaders, but
that by playing fair and following the
rules a better game can be played—
whether it be the game of football, bas-
ketball, or the greater game of life.

They can show that they do not have
to cheat at examinations to be "smart."

Joan Mitchell, Portland, Oregon, says:

Christian Endeavorers can answer
the problem of juvenile delinquency by
applying the cardinal principals of
Christian Endeavor to everyday life.

By confessing Christ openly our tes-
timony could win to Him a young per-
son being tempted to go the wrong way.

By serving Christ we would endeavor
to bring all young people into the
church and if possible into the knowl-
edge of His saving grace.

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Birthday Program Spur Endeavorers



BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS—Governor Christian A. Herter issues a statement calling the attention of the people of his Commonwealth to the observance of Christian Endeavor Week. Shown at ceremonies in the State House are (left to right) Donald L. MacKay, Newton; Governor Herter; Mabel I. Milton, Leominster; William Woglom, North Reading, and Norman H. Purdy, Winthrop, field secretary Massachusetts Union.



EVANSVILLE, INDIANA—Mayor H. O. Roberts, of the Hoosier city, talks with Endeavorers after penning proclamation. With the Mayor are (left to right) Phyllis Whitten, Bob Huff, Travis Ewing, Martha Oberhausen, and Richard Ditzer.



COLUMBUS, OHIO—Mayor Maynard E. Sensenbrenner signs Christian Endeavor Week proclamation. Those watching the signing are (left to right) Marilyn Burton, recording secretary, Franklin County Union; Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary, International Society; Robert F. Hildreth, vice-president, Franklin County, and Eleanor Schneider, devotional superintendent, Franklin County.

SIGNIFICANT celebrations of Christian Endeavor 73rd anniversary were held around the world. Young people were challenged as messages were given on the theme, "So Send I You," during Christian Endeavor Week-Youth Week January 31 - February 7.

A number of state and municipal leaders issued proclamations for the observance of Christian Endeavor Week and made statements concerning it. Among these were Hon. Frank J. Lausche, governor of Ohio; Hon. Christian Herter, governor of Massachusetts; Hon. Allan Shivers, governor of Texas; Hon. H. O. Roberts, mayor of Evansville, Indiana; and Hon. Maynard E. Sensenbrenner, mayor of Columbus, Ohio.

Governor Herter in his statement said, "The motto of the organization, 'For Christ and the Church,' challenges young people to follow the noblest and best paths. A leadership training program also prepares young people to assume positions of responsibility in church and civic life. As the first world-wide youth society within the Protestant Church it unites young people in a fellowship which knows neither racial nor national barriers."

Thousands of special programs were conducted in social meetings, church services, and Sunday school sessions. Anniversary banquets and rallies were held by societies and unions throughout North America and the world.

Message to Millions

The story of Christian Endeavor and its message went to millions by means of scores of radio and TV programs and through the media of outdoor poster panels. More than 1,000 of these posters presenting the theme, "Forward With Christ," were displayed in the United States and Canada through the cooperation of the individual poster companies who belong to the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc.

Besides the banquets and rallies there was a variety of activities staged during the Week. These included the following: participation in Sunday school and mid-week prayer services, hospital services, basketball games, social teas, skating parties, taking a religious census, cleaning church premises, conferences, and hymnsings.

A great interest in The Week was evidenced by the fact that headquarters at Columbus sold out the Christian Endeavor week Packet material.

Dr. Poling Addresses Boston Rally

A great Birthday rally was conducted in the Park Street Congregational Church in Boston, Massachusetts, February 7, with Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Union as speaker.

Dr. Poling predicted there would be no World War if the democracies retain their "sanity" and "levelheadedness" and wait for Communism to disintegrate by itself.

"Communism is atheistic and this contains the seed of its own destruction," Dr. Poling declared.

Banquets Feature Christian Endeavor Anniversary

Banquets Galore

Jack O'Dell, WGN staff announcer of Pacific Garden Mission program "shackled," spoke February 5 at the (Ill.) Union banquet. Vermilion County (Ill.) Union discussed juvenile delinquency at a banquet when W. Willard Huels was speaker. Fred Les and Ray Ekman, from the University of Illinois, sparked activities at the Sangamon County (Ill.) banquet February 2.

Greater Dallas (Texas) District Union staged a banquet in Lisbon Presbyterian Church, Dallas. Martha Roan head of the union.

Julian Moran, vice-president of International Society, installed officers at the birthday banquet of Valpo District Union in the Christian Church, Hammond, Indiana, February 6.

Happy Birthday . .

Nancy Nungesser of the nursery society cuts the cake at the Christian Endeavor anniversary of the societies of the Westmore Church of Christ, Kingston, Pa., February 3. As presidents and advisors of the societies look on. This is typical birthday events held in North America and all around the world.



Dr. C. E. Speaks

Rev. Paul Benjamin, who was selected for Christian Endeavor of North America and won a trip to the World's E. Convention in London, England, 1950, spoke at the banquet held in First Christian Church, Sheridan, Indiana, February 3. Rev. Bob Ross, field secretary for Indiana and Illinois, who was runner-up in the contest Mr. Benjamin won, was toastmaster for the occasion. Rev. Wallace N. Hastings, former president of the Washington C.E. Union, is pastor of the church in Sheridan.

Brooklyn Union staged its big annual banquet January 30 in Glenmore Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Roanoke (Va.) Juniors enjoyed a birthday banquet at Melrose Presbyterian Church January 29 when Mrs. M. Mottesheard, president of the Senior Union, spoke on "C.E. Around the World." The Senior Union staged their anniversary affair February 2 at Belmont Christian Church with Mrs. Robert E. Miller as speaker.

Dr. J. A. Fernandez, converted Catholic priest, spoke at a rally of the new Rising Sun Branch in First Brethren Church Philadelphia, Pa., on the subject, "The Tragedy of Mixed Marriages."

South District conducted their birthday banquet in the Evangelical United Brethren Church of Brodhead, Wisconsin, February 2 when Rev. Jess Nornen, superintendent of Congregational Churches of Wisconsin, spoke. Milton Wolf is district president.

Lancaster County (Pennsylvania) Union held its anniversary rally February 2 in Laycock Presbyterian Church, Paradise, with Dr. Melvin Forney, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, as the speaker.

Franklin County (Ohio) Union conducted a weekend of anniversary events

with a banquet, Junior rally, and senior mass meeting in the Indianola Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio.

North Carolina Union held its banquet in Greensboro with Rev. Clarence Nida as speaker and Dr. Gene Stone as toastmaster.

Berkeley County (W. Va.) Union had 200 at its banquet when Dr. C. Wilt of Annville, Pa., spoke.

Fresno (California) Union held its rally marking Christian Endeavor's 73rd birthday January 31 in Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Take Religious Census

Members of three Christian Endeavor societies of Roanoke (Virginia) Union from the Bethany Christian, E.U.B., and Melrose Christian Churches participated in a city-wide religious census January 31.

Young people of Melrose Presbyterian Society in Roanoke, Virginia, held a "work party" on February 5, cleaning up the church.

Youngest Member

Charles E. Wallace, born February 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Wallace, Jr., is the youngest person enrolled in the International Society Membership Mobilization when *The World* went to press. Charles' father, Neil, is former president of Detroit Union and is extension superintendent of Michigan.

Another youthful member is Richard Paul Stone, born December 11, 1953. He is the son of General Secretary and Mrs. Gene Stone of Columbus, Ohio.

Harold E. Westerhoff has been heading-up the annual Membership Mobilization of the International Society. Intensified efforts were made to enroll youth and friends during Christian Endeavor Week.

They Celebrate . .

Leaders are: First row (left to right) — Linda Whitehouse, Barbara Whitehouse, Morgan Rees, Nancy Nungesser, June White, Hilda Thomas, Frances White, and Mrs. Frederick Wright. Second row (left to right) — Mrs. George Alexander, Jr., Eugene Weatherall, Rev. George A. Alexander, Mrs. Richard Daires, Mrs. Ronald Buckwalter, Fred Wright, John Miller, and Mrs. Betty Weatherall.

Over The Air

All around the country radio and television programs were presented in observance of Christian Endeavor Week.

James M. Thompson, president of Pennsylvania Union, spoke on a broadcast over Station WISR, Butler, Pa., Jan. 30. Evansville (Indiana) Union had programs on TV and radio. Sagamore (Massachusetts) Union gave a broadcast over Station WTAO. Roanoke (Virginia) Union presented announcements on Station WSLs-TV.

Aid Medical Missions

Medical mission work in Africa was presented to Christian Endeavor societies in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ during Christian Endeavor Week. This has been a project of the Christian Endeavor of the denomination since 1911. Youth were challenged with a goal of five cents a week for this program.

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BIRTHDAY PROGRAMS SPUR ENDEAVORERS

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Conduct Church Service

Youth took complete charge of the morning worship at the Clinton Avenue Presbyterian Church, Newark, N. J., January 31. Those who brought messages were William Barriere, president of Intermediate C.E.; Helen Huffman, head of Senior C. E.; Gladys Ingmans, and Robert Roth. Others who participated are Laura Coddington, Agnes Edgley, Thomas Edgley, Jack Edgley, Elizabeth Coddington, Barbara Swift, Donald Stultz, Audrey Thompson, Robert Lesbriel, Janet Lexa, Patricia Nesbitt, Betty Riffel, Fred Wiese, Donald Whitman, Joan McAllister, and Lorraine Thompson.

More news and pictures of the celebration of Christian Endeavor Week will appear in the next issue of THE WORLD.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 3)

If we are loyal to Christ's Church, our faithful attendance will set an example and encourage other youth to come, thereby discouraging their attendance at places of evil influence. They need more examples and less critics.

Through Christian fellowship we can make Christ attractive to them and if they too become His followers they will not be involved in juvenile delinquency.

Gladys Wong, Honolulu, Hawaii, says:

Christian Endeavorers should make it their duty to bring the lost youth to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Too often we are so busy planning our own programs we forget those around us who really need Christ.

Delinquents are usually unhappy people who feel that no one cares for them. We should carry this burden on our hearts and pray for these youth.

With God's help Christian Endeavorers can win youth to Christ and so help combat juvenile delinquency.

Martha Oberhausen, Evansville, Ind. says:

Great is the controversy relating to proper training of young people. Such debates are necessary; however, in many instances no action is taken. While seemingly endless discussions are held, there are few worthwhile conversions

STATE PRESIDENTS



Rev. A. C.
Van Puffelen



Lucy Ashley

Mr. Van Puffelen, new leader of the Minnesota Union, is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Howard Lake. He helped organize a Christian Endeavor Union in the Flemish part of Belgium while he served in that country as a missionary. Among many positions he has held in Christian Endeavor is that of pastor counselor of Missouri Union.

Miss Ashley is now heading the Christian Endeavor work in North Carolina succeeding Juanita Euliss who has resigned because of ill health. Miss Ashley is a member of Pleasant Hill Christian Church and former president of Alamance Union. A graduate of Pfeiffer Junior College she is employed as a stenographer in Burlington.

being made among those referred to as juvenile delinquents.

Genuine interest in individuals could be the answer. Christian Endeavor can prove helpful in providing good, clean, interesting fellowship.

We need many more youth groups in all churches where young people can be given something to do and think about instead of walking up Main Street.

By being an example of good citizenship through Christian living others can be won to Christ.

HONORED AT CONVENTION



Walter Lutz (right) receives the 1954 Year Book of Lebanon County (Pa.) Union from John S. Rittle at annual convention. The book was dedicated to Mr. Lutz who is a past president.

SENATE COMMITTEE CONTINUES DELINQUENCY HEARINGS

The Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency has so far held three sets of hearings in its investigation of the nation-wide extent and nature of delinquency, of what is being done about it, and of what various groups and agencies think should be done about it.

The hearings have brought before the Subcommittee experts on the problem and lay citizens affected, heads of Federal agencies concerned, and representatives of many national youth-serving organizations.

A fourth set of hearings — for representatives of such professionally concerned groups as the National Probation and Parole Association, the National Conference of Juvenile Court Judges, and the National Association of Training Schools and Juvenile Agencies — is planned but has yet to be definitely scheduled.

Increase Predicted

At the first hearings, which began November 18, Dr. Martha M. Eliot, Chief of the Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, cited figures on the growing extent of delinquency (a 29% increase in juvenile court cases from 1948 to 1953) and warned that on the basis of juvenile population growth alone, delinquency will very likely continue to increase during the next few years unless better preventive and treatment programs are set up.

Testimony at this opening hearing was directed chiefly to discussion of extent and causes of delinquency, nearly all the witnesses had recommendations to make for prevention and treatment.

Leads To Adult Offenses

"Behind every adult prisoner there is the shadowy image of a juvenile delinquent," Mr. James V. Bennett, director of the Bureau of Prisons, said. So far as preventing adult crime is concerned he said, "The intelligent thing to do is to begin with the young offender."

C. E. Conferences and Conventions

MARCH

5, 6—Executive Committee, International Society of Christian Endeavor, Philadelphia, Pa.

APRIL

1-3—Washington, Seattle
24, 25—Indiana (Spring Retreat), Vincennes
24-25—Michigan (Conclave), St. Mar Lake
29-May 2—Oregon, Klamath Falls
30-May 2—Middle Atlantic Region, Hershey, Pennsylvania

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD



Atlantic City



New York City

Places to be visited by International C. E. Fellowship Tour Party.

Hawaiian Choir Expected at Convention

The famous choir of the Kawaiahao Church of Honolulu, Hawaii, is expected to be present at the 12th World's Christian Endeavor Convention, according to the latest word received from the program committee.

The Hawaiian singers will be one of the musical attractions at the meetings to be conducted in the Nation's Capital July 24-28. This unit sang at the conference of Area No. 1 of the World's Convention held in Honolulu July of 1952. Plans call for a pre-convention concert by the Hawaiian Choir in the grand ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel Friday evening, July 23.

Prior to the opening session Saturday evening a reception will be tendered delegates at 3 P. M. at the nineteenth Street Baptist Church, where the Rev Jerry Moore, a vice-president of the International Society, is pastor.

Mass meetings will be conducted Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoon. In the mornings there will be quiet hour services, conferences, and business sessions. Sight-seeing is planned for the afternoon.

First To Register

Wanna Sell, president of Mercer (Ohio) County, was the first person to register for the convention in Washington. Miss Sell is assistant to Dr. Robert W. Sh, secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the United Brethren in Christ,

Huntington, Indiana. She was a delegate to the convention in London in 1950.

Registration is \$5.00 and may be sent to Merritt L. Smith, chairman, c/o American Automobile Association, 1712 G Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C., or to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio. Information on hotels and housing accommodations may be secured from Mr. Smith.

Tour Arranged

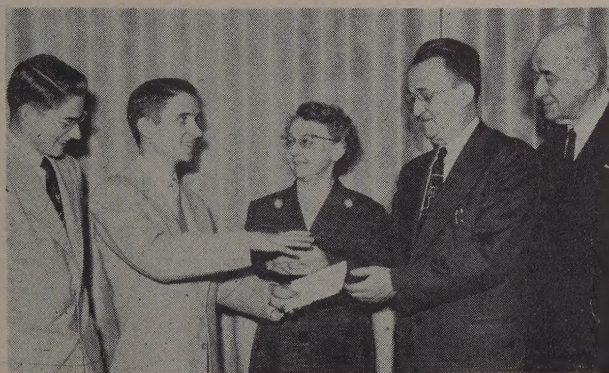
Preparations have been made for an International Christian Endeavor Fellowship Tour following the convention sessions.

This personally conducted trip will leave Washington July 29 and will take in visits to such places as Baltimore, Atlantic City, New York, Cape Cod, Portland, White Mountains, Mohawk Trail, Albany, and Hyde Park. The group will disband August 8 in New York City.

Award Winners

Several winners of contests will be at the sessions in Washington.

The Christian Endeavor World is conducting a contest with the top award being a trip to the World's Convention. Other prizes will also be given. Detailed information may be secured from Headquarters in Columbus.



—Ballard Photo

"MR. AND MRS. C. E. SPONSOR" GO TO WASHINGTON

The distinction of being judged the outstanding sponsors of Christian Endeavor societies in Christian Churches and Churches of Christ in the country has gone to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest R. Moore, of the First Christian Church, Canton, Ohio. The couple won the award given by THE LOOKOUT Magazine of a trip to the World's C. E. Convention in Washington, D. C. Pictured (left to right) are Larry Steinmetz, president of the Growing C. E. Society of First Christian Church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Moore are sponsors; Marshall J. Leggett, assistant minister and youth director of First Church; Mrs. Moore; Mr. Moore, and Dr. P. H. Welshimer, minister of First Church.

The girl or boy declared winner in the Third Annual Citizenship Award Contest will be sent to Washington and receive an additional award of \$250.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest R. Moore, sponsors for the past twelve years of the Growing Christian Endeavor Society of First Christian Church, Canton, Ohio, will go to the World's Convention as guests of THE LOOKOUT. This couple was declared as the outstanding sponsors in Christian Churches and Churches of Christ in the United States.

In the past dozen years, at least fifty in the society have become Christians and eight youth have become Christian ministers or are now in training for the ministry.

Organize Your Church's Young Adults

IN a meeting to plan an Every Member Canvass, some of the older persons were asked to explain why Young Adults' leadership and participation in the canvass would be important.

"They will believe we can substantially increase the pledges this year," one member said, "while folks my age may not have that much optimism!"

"The canvass will be a fresh and challenging experience for Young Adults," said the youngest grandfather in the group. "But for me, this will be perhaps the twentieth time I've had something to do with this annual campaign."

One of the leaders in women's work summed up these and other remarks on the subject in these two sentences:

"Young Adults have as much enthusiasm as their younger brothers and sisters but more skill and experience. Yes, they have less experience than some of the older leaders in the church, but Young Adults want to learn, want to work, and have *more at stake* than any of the rest of us."

"*More at stake*" — what did she mean? That under average conditions many a Young Adult will gain or lose much according to whether the home church (and churches as a whole) become stronger or weaker, more useful or less, for a period of ten, twenty, forty, fifty years to come!

In the success of the church in representing the Christian Gospel at its best rests not only the Young Adult's personal Christian development but the whole climate of community and nation during the 1950's and onward. *The Young Adult who aids the church today is building for his own maturity and for the Christian education and nurture of his children.* We've found that Young Adults work well as a group.

Who Are Young Adults?

And who are Young Adults?

They are the older young people, whose maturing experiences here and now will include: completing formal education, leaving the parental home, earning their own living, getting married, acquiring an adult citizen's responsibilities in community and national life.

While the entering age depends on such circumstances, so that it will differ as between individuals, Christian educators generally agree that at about the age of 35 the Young Adult becomes an "adult adult."

Once Sue or Sam has entered the Young Adult classification, the church does well to enroll her or him in (a) a Young Adult class in the church school, (b) a Young Adult Fellowship or other unit for purposes of religious and social activities (a

Why? . . . How?

"growing older" version of the Christian Endeavor society often serves), and (c) adult phases of church service in general, including a part in the congregation's Every Member Canvass, as one example.

The Program

The Young Adults do much of the work of setting up their own fellowship and program. According to the numbers available, they decide whether there shall be more than one Young Adult unit. Often married couples maintain a separate organization, because of like interests possessed by all and the necessity for planning meetings on days and at hours when babysitters are available.

The minister and perhaps a lay counselor will often help a small committee of Young Adults to construct a list of prospective members and plan for a dinner meeting or other occasion when all can meet and form a plan for action.

The Young Adult unit may begin as an action group — that is, a common interest in improving some phase of church work and ministry may bring members together as a working team. Again there may be discussions and social occasions aimed at (a) acquiring more information about Christian beliefs, issues and activities and (b) widening the friendliness and social contacts of Young Adults comprised in the church and in its community.

Common Pattern

A common pattern for Young Adult work is to put *mutual interest in Christian aims and in Christian fellowship* ahead of the matter of the person's membership in that particular church. This is especially the case with Young Adult units composed of students attending a local college, most of whom will retain membership in their home-town churches.

The range of Young Adult interests has been exhibited from month to month in this Workshop page. Back numbers of THE WORLD, useful in planning Young Adult projects and subjects for study and discussion, may be secured from the Publisher at ten cents each or fifteen for \$1.00.

A Young Adult Workshop

By Bert H. Davis

Helps Available

Most of the denominations are prepared to offer numerous printed helps to answer questions on Young Adult work — and your minister will help you find the right contact for such assistance.

Also you will do well to order the terdenominational manual or plan-book coming out of the National Conference on Young Adult work of July, 1952:

"Planning for Young Adults in the Church." Fifty cents. National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America (79 East Adams Street, Chicago 3, Illinois).

The heart of the plan-book might be said to be this stirring statement made by the 1952 conference members:

"The Christian religion calls for a complete response of young adults to God. This response involves understanding God as revealed in Jesus Christ. It demands a response to God's love and a attempt to carry out God's will in the world. It calls upon young adults to strengthen their commitments to the Christian faith, to participate in the life and work of the church, and to serve their fellow men."

Let such a declaration of conviction be at the center of your plans for initiating or improving Young Adult programs in your own church!

International Society headquarters will be glad to answer your questions and at least some of your needs for material in this rapidly growing and richly promising field of Christian progress.

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100 Comfort Bags Given To Seamen

Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor presented 1,000 comfort bags to the Seamen's Institute of Philadelphia at Christmastime, according to a report made by William Hutchinson, superintendent of the Seamen's Eating and Welfare Work of the Key-Stone Union.

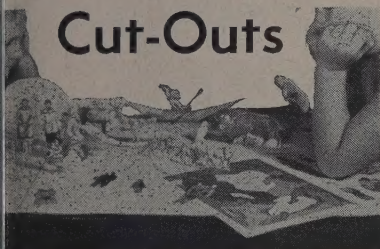
A total of \$1,377.07 was contributed by individuals and counties toward the purchase of these bags and supplies. The bags were distributed to seamen coming into the Port of Philadelphia. Mr. Hutchinson has advised that 704 men attended 31 religious meetings planned and conducted by Christian Endeavor groups in the Institute during December.

One Great Hour of Sharing

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— APRIL 4 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

1. Pray for God's blessing and help.
2. Study the Bible selections given.
3. Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
4. Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

At this season of Lent and Easter it is appropriate to give more thought to the deeper implications of the Christian life. The topics for this month will help in this endeavor. Today's topic is the first in a series of four on the general subject, "My Personal Witness." Each of the four topics in this unit is complete in itself, for each one deals with an important phase of the individual Christian's witness for Christ. Yet the four will fit together in a helpful sequence of growing interest and content. The counselor, devotional chairman, or some one member may well conduct the discussion for all four, in order to maintain the continuity.

The leader of this meeting should acquaint himself with the subject of personal evangelism, by inquiry and by reading. Special emphasis should be placed upon the whole subject of evangelism. It might be possible to use a training film strip, or slides, to assist. Have in the meeting all literature, books, tracts, etc., that may be available.

This is the time also to bring to the attention of the society the matter of final plans for Easter observance. Is there to be a Sunrise Service on Easter morning? What can the society do to give additional importance to Holy Week, Good Friday, or Easter? How are we fitting our Christian Endeavor program into the seasonal plans of the pastor and church? Bring these and other pertinent questions before the society meeting in order that Easter may bring its fullest message to your church and society. Strive to set some definite goals also in the matter of Evangelism. Make "Person To Person Call" a reality.

Scripture Messages

- M., Mar. 29. The Gadarene Evangelist. Mark 5:18-20.
- T., Mar. 30. Spectators Tell the News. Mark 7:36, 37.
- W., Mar. 31. Finding a Brother. John 1:35-42.
- T., Apr. 1. Finding a Friend. John 1:43-49.
- F., Apr. 2. A Personal Relationship. John 1:10-13.
- S., Apr. 3. A Personal Approach. I Cor. 9:20-23.
- Sun., Apr. 4. Topic—Person to Person Call. Matt. 4:18-22.

Person to Person Call

First Topic in a Series on "My Personal Witness"

Matthew 4:18-22

Aim of The Topic

1. To learn how the Christian message comes to a life.
2. To consider how to win others to Christ.
3. To help make possible a greater Christian witness, both for individual and organization.

The Message of The Topic

The worth of one soul is at the very heart of the topic today. Because Jesus feels that each one is of infinite worth, we can be encouraged to give our best to the program of evangelism. The limitless value of a human soul is at the very heart of the conviction that personal witness by the Christian is highly important. The word witness is defined as "the testimony of a fact or event of which one has personal knowledge." That which we can attest, or affirm, is that which we personally know. In terms of our Christian faith, we attest or "witness" to that which we believe and know about the Lord Jesus. John says in his first Epistle "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the Word of life;—that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." (I John 1:1-3.) This is all we are expected to do.

Soul Winning and My Life

We are Christians because someone helped us to become Christians. Someone introduced us to Jesus somewhere along life's road; others have nurtured our spiritual growth. How fortunate we are that others have cared! This service of love imposes a wonderful burden upon us in turn. We thereby become the possessors of a great spiritual heritage that is given to us to share. The Christ who dwells in our hearts, and whom we love, is needed by others around us. If we are to know the full joy of the Christian life we must win others for our Lord. There is no greater joy or victory than to see a companion come to a saving knowledge of Christ because we have helped bring them together.

This is the deeper meaning of our topic "Person To Person Call." As in New Testament days, conversion is more often a one-at-a-time event, a person to person experience. The great mass meetings, the organized campaigns, the "sawdust trails" are all favorable to soul winning. They set the stage perhaps for the individual's commitment of life. They may even be the climaxing experience of a long series of teachings. But somewhere along the way the personal contact is essential. Every person coming into Christ's family, the Church, should bring with him the truth that he too is an evangelist. In the service of his Lord he is expected to seek out his friends, neighbors, and members of his family for Christ. This is the person to person call of Christian evangelism.

Soul Winning and My Society

Doubtless the best place for young people to work out their plans for evangelism

A SEED THOUGHT

"I cannot bear to live without Christ; I cannot bear to think of others living without Him either."

is in their own Christian Endeavor Society. The matter of Christian witness should be an important part of the society program. Here an organized campaign could be conducted, or an extensive Youth Evangelism program launched. One of the most effective forms is in the field of Visitation Evangelism. Literature is being prepared at present time by the International Society of Christian Endeavor that will give directions and guidance in this work.

Briefly stated, the program of Visitation Evangelism follows this pattern. Two of two people go out on designated missions from a supper-conference meeting. They call on various "prospective members" of church or society, using cards prepared in advance for guidance. Reported back at a pre-arranged time, each turns in the signed commitment or postcards, as evidence of their success. A planned program of youth calling on members in the Name of Christ would put new vitality in any group. A full-fledged round-up could be given a major emphasis in the program of either church or youth people's group; great blessing would follow. Inexpensive worker's manuals and specific plans and instructions are available from most denominations and from the National Council of Churches, New York City.

My Personal Witness

Let every young Christian ask himself how much he has gained from the Christian life. Then he should ask himself, "Is this blessing all meant for me? Do I hoard it? How many times recently I told other people about my Christ? There's a person to person call to be made now—and you are the one to make it."

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the meaning of witness? Of Christian witness?
2. Of what may we give Christian testimony?
3. What is a "person to person call" in terms of evangelism?
4. Which is the more effective witness, our words or our deeds?
5. How is a person won to Christ?
6. What contributed to our becoming Christian?
7. When we become Christians what is our responsibility to others?
8. How could a program of Youth Evangelism help our church community?
9. How could we set up a program of Visitation Evangelism?
10. How would you speak to other person about Christ? What would you do it?

Person to Person Call

First Topic in a Series on "The Need for Worship and Witness"

John 1:35-45

Intermediate



— APRIL 4 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aim

1. To emphasize the Gospel imperative to win others.
2. To present personal evangelism as a successful method of winning others.
3. To help young people fit into the pre-Easter evangelistic program of their church.

Biblical Person to Person Calls

(1) *Andrew and Peter.* The account of Andrew bringing his brother Peter is found in our Scripture lesson. Here is told the story of a man who had found the Christ and his experience was too great to "hoard." He wanted to share it with someone and the logical person was a member of his family. How wonderful it is when a young person, having found Christ as his friend, is as anxious as Andrew was to have his family find the Christ also. Why is it we find it so difficult to share our religious experiences with our families when we share our other joys and successes with them?

(2) *Philip and the Ethiopian.* (Acts 8: 6-39.) Philip, one of the workers in the early church, found a native of the African country Ethiopia reading in Isaiah in the Old Testament of the suffering Servant who was to come. Philip saw here an opportunity to tell of his Christ. Here is an interesting experience of making full use of an opportunity. It takes an alert mind to see these advantages, but the young person willing to tell others of Christ makes full use of them.

(3) *Peter and Cornelius.* (Acts 10:19-48.) Here is an example of how God prepared the way for the telling of the good news of the Christ. God prepared Cornelius for the experience, and He had prepared Peter to tell Cornelius of his Christ. Let someone explain how prayer played a vital part in the experience.

Seeking to Win Others to Christ

(1) Be Persuasive

Jack is just home from a banquet. He is all pepped up over the address that he has heard. Excitedly he says to his father: "My! Dad, You should have heard the speaker this evening! There wasn't a fellow or a girl there but thought he was the most positive speaker they had ever heard. He really believed what he said."

QUESTIONS

1. Could we have a "Win My Friend" campaign in our church?
2. What is our responsibility to win a friend to Christ?
3. What attracts people to Christ?
4. What kind of faith do young people desire?
5. How does one become a Christian?
6. Is there anything in your church which keeps people from joining? In your Christian Endeavor?

Persuasiveness in speech gives to others a similar determination. There is demand today for "living" persuasively. Peter suggests that our beliefs must break forth in conduct as well as in words. Witnessing for Christ may cost something, even a great deal of suffering, but we have Christ as example and encouragement to help us on our way.

(2) Be Alive

Telling others about Christ must have the prerequisite of Christian animation. Needy and thwarted souls must be able to look into your eyes and see Christ in them. That will dispell all fears of discovering selfish designs in your approaches. Thus the way will be made clearer for you to tell your story of the loving companionship which exists between you and Christ.

(3) Be Pleasant

There is a mild gracefulness and charm essential to telling others about Christ. Christ can never be forced upon others. Well intentioned souls frequently do Christ an injustice by an extreme sense of urge and haste in having someone accept Christ. I have carried prospects on my list for years before a final opening was presented and they could be won to Christ and the Church. It should be that the common people, even of our day, hear Him gladly.

If we make the proper approaches we can make Christ attractive in our own lives. Evidently we make poor presentations of Him at times. We try to break down by force the fortifications and barriers which people set up against our advancements in the name of Christ. There is an affability which should be the Christian's skill in telling others about Christ.

(4) Start at Home

(A case to discuss)

You are the child of a man who is influential in the community. He does not oppose the church but takes no interest in it. Your mother is active in the church and has taught you religious principles from childhood. You see that the Christian way is the better way. But your father's attitude concerns you. What should you do?

(5) Take the Positive Approach

What has my Christ meant to me? What are the values I receive by regular church attendance? What about the joy of the Christian life? Meet every individual on the basis of good will. It's disastrous to carry a shoulder-chip. We are, as Christians, to demonstrate the victorious life in daily conduct. If men point out the mistakes of the church, we are to point them to Christ, the Lamb, without spot or blemish. Try meeting objections with affirmations. The results are overwhelming.

How To Meet Objections

Don't argue. To be sure, "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you." (1 Peter 3:15.) An argu-

ment is usually the last defense of a lost cause. Don't antagonize. Honey catches more flies than vinegar and love wins more people to Christ than debate. Don't hurry. God is patient, why not I? Recall how long it took to win you to Christ? Remember those days when you put up every defense you could muster? Then when you came to the point of surrender your counsellor was one who had stood by, and had patiently waited.

Plan an "Old-Fashioned Service"

Attempt an "Old-Fashioned Service." In a service of this nature the room is made as simple as possible. In place of the electric lights, borrow coal oil lights. Place these in convenient places. The leader, if a man, can add atmosphere to the meeting by wearing an old minister's frock. If a woman is leading, she will be able to secure an old-fashioned dress with a strange bonnet. Anything that will aid in giving atmosphere will aid greatly in the service. Some churches still have relics packed away. One such relic is the old-fashioned offering basket with the long handle. Dust them off and lift the offering with them. The purpose of the above is not to amuse but rather to re-create the atmosphere in which many of our parents found the spirit of Christ.

Be sure to invite every adult in your church and make a special effort to bring out the older people to the service. Make lists of people who you are sure would enjoy this service and plan to have cars visit their homes and bring them to the service.

This meeting will not be complete unless you give the youth of your church and the adults a privilege to tell how Christ has been introduced to them. Certain people can be approached before the meeting and asked to give their testimony. Others will want to tell how they have made Christ attractive to others.

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Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

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- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

We continue today the topic series "My Personal Witness" with this subject of "Crosses." The most important of our Christian symbols is the Cross. We do well to give it the highest place in our lives. The leader today has the privilege of bringing it to the special attention of the society in order that its significance may be realized. Read last week's topic carefully in preparation for this week to get the feeling of this whole series. Each of these topics is complete in itself yet the four for this month form a seasonal unit. Try to adequately portray the importance of the Cross in the lives of young people today. Try, too, to make real the spirit of sacrifice the Cross represents, bringing out what our responsibilities are as modern Christians. Are our tasks any less important than those of the First Century?

In preparing the meeting room use the Cross in a prominent place or use several in decoration of the room. Have a worship center featuring it. Perhaps a display of the various types of Crosses might be made, such as the Latin Cross, the Maltese, that of St. Andrew, St. Peter, etc. Try to learn the significance of each of these, and of the

THINK ON THESE QUESTIONS

1. What does the Cross symbolize?
2. What change in its symbolism took place with the coming of Christ to the Cross?
3. Has its symbolism changed in the modern world?
4. What does salvation mean?
5. What do you think of wearing the Cross as personal adornment? Is it a good practice?
6. What does the Cross say to people about us when worn on our lapel, or as jewelry?
7. What "difference" does the Cross of Christ make in our lives today?
8. How can we best live the spirit of this symbol?
9. How can we share adequately in the victory of this Easter season?
10. What is our personal witness for the Cross?

Crosses

Second Topic in a Series on "My Personal Witness"

Matthew 16:24, 25
(Palm Sunday)

Words From the Bible

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| M., Apr. 5. | Bearing Christ's Cross. | Luke 2 |
| T., Apr. 6. | Watching at the Cross. | John 19:25- |
| W., Apr. 7. | Glory in the Cross. | Gal. 6:12- |
| T., Apr. 8. | United in the Cross. | Eph. 2:13- |
| F., Apr. 9. | Exaltation in His Cross. | Heb. 12 |
| S., Apr. 10. | The Preaching of the Cross. | 1 Cor. 1:17- |
| Sun., Apr. 11. | Topic—Crosses. (Palm Sunday) | Matt. 16:24, |

symbol itself, then try to share it with your group. Make the Cross seem real, to "come alive," in their thinking. Make it real to yourself first. Since this is Palm Sunday, try to prepare your members for the Easter season to come.

Aim of The Topic

1. To consider the importance of the Cross of Christ to us.
2. To learn the symbolism of the Cross.
3. To make this precious symbol "live" in our daily lives.

The Message of The Topic

The Cross of the ancient world was a symbol, but was only one of shame and punishment. It held none of the sacred meaning that it has today, and had no religious significance. On these crude beams the law-breaker was hanged and thus was held up before men as one no longer fit to walk among decent law-observing persons. It was a symbol of unswerving justice, of cruelty, of punishment and death. It represented the Roman form of execution, while the Jews practiced stoning, and the Greeks the method of beheading. It was an ugly symbol of suffering and shame and death, an evidence of man's inhumanity to man. When Jesus Christ the Son of God died upon a cross, he transformed it forever in the thinking of human beings. How quickly it became something precious once it was purified by the blood of the eternal sacrifice made upon it. With Christ's death and resurrection the whole symbolism changed. Whereas men had feared the Cross, now they loved it; as they had shuddered at it, now they bowed before it. Suddenly the symbol became one of love and life and beauty by the grace of God. How wonderfully this symbolizes the abruptness and completeness of the change in a person's life when the Cross becomes a reality in it. We are changed from darkness to light by His presence.

The Cross now speaks to all mankind of suffering for others, of sacrifice, of the life of service, of redemption from sin. It represents new life and immortality and rightness with God. The very presence of the Cross in our lives and hearts makes a difference in the values of life. The delegates to the great International Christian Endeavor Convention in Denver last summer will long remember the thundering words of Maryland's Governor, Theodore R. McKeldin. "The Cross always makes a difference. It will not be by spears or by armies that men will be redeemed, but by the Cross of the resurrected Christ." Yes, the Cross always makes a difference.

The Cross and My Life

Some things remain forever personal, however shared by the rest of the world. So it is with the Cross of Christ. It is always a precious personal possession; indeed it is a personal experience. It is the symbol of our own redemption and eternal life, as it is the sign of salvation for the world. Since in the Cross we find forgiveness, shall we not also find in it the will to serve sacrificially for others? It is a challenge for us

to aid even the most unworthy, as did our Master. It is a summons for us to bring Christ to others.

The wearing of the Cross is a splendid custom with us, when it is worn in sincerity and reverence. It is not an article of jewel and personal adornment, but is rather a testimony of our faith. When worn on the clothing or the person it should ever be a reminder that one's words and actions must be Christian, lest the true meaning of the Cross be denied. The most significant place to wear it is always in the heart first. The Christ of the Cross will be glorified whatever we do. Let it be worn outwardly also, but let its message ever be, "Here is a Christian. Behold his deeds and let his Lord be glorified. This one is God's man or God's woman."

The Cross and My Society

We live daily by the blessings that come to us from this precious symbol. All of life is infinitely better "because of Calvary." The very standards of contemporary living are changed because of what our Lord brought into the world by His life, His death, and His continuing life. The Church of Christ represents this change, this very quality of character. Since we are such a vital part of the Church we are concerned with its representation of Christ. At this season let us consider carefully how our Christian Endeavor society and our church can best proclaim the message of the Cross. How can we more fully live out its spirit? The Cross means most when we cherish it also as the symbol for doing good without thought of praise or reward. Our group program should ever keep this clearly in view; especially at this season of sacrifice and victory. In the light of the Cross of personal lives and our group action should show forth the sacrificial spirit of our Saviour.

My Personal Witness

Let each one deal severely with himself at this season by self-examination and resolute plans for the future. Our Lord has said, "If any man will come after Me let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." (Luke 9:23.) Are we taking up our Cross daily? Thus, are we truly following Christ?

A SEED THOUGHT

"The Cross of Christ is always a plus symbol; it adds more than it ever subtracts from life."

Let Us Bow Down

Second Topic in a Series on "The Need for Worship and Witness"

Zechariah 9:9, 10; Luke 19:28-44
(Palm Sunday)

Intermediate



— APRIL 11 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Aim

- 1. To become familiar with the incidents of Palm Sunday.
- 2. To come to a better understanding of worship.
- 3. To consider some tests of worship.

Your Worship

Arrange a white altar in the front of the room. In the center place a good picture of Christ or a white placard with these words, "What Will Ye Do With Christ?" On one side of the altar place a red cross and on the other side a crown to help each of us to ask whether we crucify or crown Him. The worship service should be like we want to crown Him.

HYMN—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

SCRIPTURE—Matthew 21:1-11.
INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—"The Palms."
BRIEF MEDITATION—"How May We Crown Him Today?"

Yours Journey

Entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday is a triumphal procession. It is recorded in all four Gospels. The evident popularity of Christ put fear in the hearts of His enemies. The shouting of the multitudes for an earth-king caused Jerusalem's leaders to resort to desperate measures. Jesus knew what must be in their minds and hearts. He strikes a keynote for all time: "Thou hadst known in this day, even thou, the things which belong to peace." He rides on, white, unswerving, solitary. He was not the kind of a "king" his enemies wanted. Yet as He rode, He faced centuries, knowing that eternally, as He learned of Him, He would forever enter within a gate. Clearly He bled His passion week. He would be hailed before the judgment of church and state and populace. In spite of the engulfing darkness of His journey there would be a way who would go with Him even to Golgotha.

Jesus—King of Life

Jesus, the King of life, is at the gateway of entrance into life. One begins to really live when Jesus Christ enters life. On down through life He is the pathway, the guide and counsellor to direct our steps on life's complex and busy way. In it all we see

His sovereignty, His supremacy over life. He is the King of life.

Sovereign, regal, mighty He is, a great and powerful monarch. Yet withal He is a wise, holy and loving King, the wisest, purest and best that ever lived.

He is a ruler not after the manner of our modern dictators. He is a King, yet not by force or military power. He holds His position not by the iron hand of secrecy, oppression and tyranny. He is a King not by political intrigue or usurping of power. He is the King of Love, the Lord of mercy. He is the eternal King ruling by divine right. He is the only truly divine right King that our world can boast.

The source of His royal kingship is in God. God appointed Him through a covenant to be the lamb for our atonement and the King for our government, a dying and living Saviour. He is the one King to rule over all. John says He shall gather together in one the children of God which were scattered abroad.

Satan scatters; Jesus (our King) gathers. Jesus has been appointed our King, not to punish or keep a searching eye upon our conduct, but because God loves us. He is God's most precious gift, an expression of His everlasting love for mankind.

"There is a Time of Speaking and a Time of Being Still"

This is the statement found in a college paper. It is a truth we need to capture. There are times when being alone helps us to worship. Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote:

"Alone with Thee, amid the mystic shadows,

The solemn hush of nature newly born;
Alone with Thee in breathless adoration,
In the calm dew and freshness of the morn."

This is one reason why we so often feel worshipful when we are in God's great outdoors.

"I found Thy footprints, God, today,
Down where the herons stop and stray
Beside a shining waterway;

And in the forest, still and dim,
Up where the trees are tall and slim,
I heard the echo of Thy hymn."

Think of the greatest of all young men standing on the threshold of life at the very entrance to the young man's world. Hear Him say to the youth of many nations: "Come unto Me; Follow Me; Abide in Me; Go for Me." To disregard that call is to go away sorrowful, even though we may have "great possessions." To obey it is to find the entrance to the path of service and to fellowship with One Who is indeed the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Remember the monk in Longfellow's "Legend Beautiful." As he worshipped the glorious Vision that filled his narrow cell, he was interrupted in his ecstasy of self-surrender by the ringing of the convent

bell which told him the hour for feeding the poor had come. You recall the words: Should he go or should he stay? Should he leave the poor to wait Hungry at the convent gate, Till the Vision passed away? Should he slight his radiant guest, Slight this visitant celestial, For a crowd of ragged bestial Beggars at the convent gate? After a struggle, his own soul answered—

"Do thy duty that is best;
Leave unto thy Lord the rest!"—and he left the glory for the service to sordid need. You remember also the words that close the story. The Vision had remained—

Through the long hour intervening
It had waited his return,
And he felt his bosom burn,
Comprehending all the meaning
When the Blessed Vision said,
"Had thou stayed, I must have fled."

To Bow Is To Be Reverent

Reverence is a big word, with many implications. It is defined as: "A feeling of profound respect, often mingled with awe and affection; veneration; worshipful regard, when directed to the divine or sacred."

In a broader sense, reverence may be defined as respect, regard, appreciation. In the present, more restricted, sense it is: A sacred regard of that which is holy.

Reverence for holy things has value. It has been said: "Reverence is a good thing, and a blessed thing; and without reverence no true progress, either in political or spiritual things, can be made." Again: "The gates of Knowledge and Wisdom are closed, and they are opened only to the knock of reverence." It is important to consider what reverence does to a person, and what irreverence does to him.

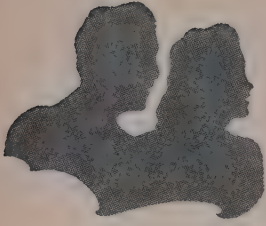
We cannot do just as we please with life and the things of life. We may be irreverent; no one can control or command our manners. But we shall lose something in our personality and character, if we are irreverent. Or we may be reverent toward holy things; and we shall gain immensely in our character and life, if we are reverent.

Daily Bible Readings

M., Apr. 5. Multitudes Sing Praise. Matt. 21:8-11.
T., Apr. 6. A Glorious Welcome. John 12:12-19.
W., Apr. 7. A Call to Worship. Psalm 95:1-7a.
T., Apr. 8. Gladness in Worship. II Chron. 30:21-23.
F., Apr. 9. Worship in Song. Psalm 96:1-9.
S., Apr. 10. True Worship. John 4:21-24.
Sun., Apr. 11. Topic—Let Us Bow Down. (Palm Sunday) Zech. 9:9, 10; Luke 19:28-44.

THOUGHT PROVOKERS

1. What should a program of worship for youth seek to accomplish?
2. What essentials should characterize every service of worship?
3. Name the forms and conditions of prayer.
4. What means may we employ in arranging private worship of personal value?
5. Did Jesus attend the regular worship of His time?
6. Did Jesus practice private worship?
7. What other examples of Jesus' worship habits can you mention?



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Comments by Earle W. Gates

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This topic is the third in a series of four on the subject "My Personal Witness." It concerns a very profound part of our Christian experience, that of our eternal life. The very title is intriguing and comforting, "When I Die, I Live." The leader of this meeting has a heavy responsibility to make this meeting one of success and achievement. It is one of serious nature that should be carefully handled. It is necessary that the promise of eternal life be made clear to the young people. The true spirit of Easter should be made to stand out clearly. If possible, the realization that physical death is not to be feared by the Christian should be reached. Spiritual death is the terrible fact of the universe. Strive to make the glorious Resurrection a reality and a victory in the thinking of the group. Guide their thinking and discussion in a way that each may feel "I too live, because Christ lives." Some help from pastor or Bible teacher may be necessary. Read over the two preceding topics, in order to gain the full perspective of the series, then try to relate this topic on the everlasting life to our personal witness.

Aim of The Topic

1. To consider anew the promise of everlasting life.
2. To learn the way to such immortality.
3. To bring Easter into its proper focus.

The Message of The Topic

Since this topic is one of a series that is emphasizing our personal witness, let us strive to relate this witness to our immortality. Because Christ lives, we too shall live, if we are among His redeemed ones. The everlasting life won for us on the Cross carries great meaning for our day by day witness. We really have something to talk about!

A SEED THOUGHT

"We begin our Eternal Life with God today." Why is this true?

When I Die, I Live

Third Topic in a Series on "My Personal Witness"

Philippians 1:21; Galatians 2:20
(Easter)

May it always be remembered that the eternal life promised by our Saviour is more than just immortality; it is more than just living forever. When Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and have it more abundantly," He covered all eternity with the assurance. Everlasting life with Jesus represents peace, eternal sunshine, freedom from tears and pain and sorrow. It includes the fulfillment of each of the deeper inner desires of mankind.

Life with Him promises the reality of everything fine and good that a child of God could desire, with a total omission of all that troubles or disturbs. Above all, it is life in the presence of God and His Christ.

Those who reject Christ also live forever, but their circumstances of punishment and their environment is infinitely different.

This life in Christ that He Himself offers is so marvelously desirable and worthwhile! That is why it is so worth talking about, and worth sharing with others. Our "witness" about it will indicate the depth of our faith and consecration.

The Resurrection and My Life

"Because I live, ye shall live also,—I am in my Father and ye in Me, and I in you." (John 14:19, 20.) So our gracious Saviour has bequeathed us His greatest gift. We then can say, if our faith has proclaimed Him as our Lord and Saviour, "Because He lives, I too shall live"—not for a short span on earth, but in the everlasting reign of the Almighty Father of our lives. This is a blessed personal experience beyond compare.

When one is subject to sin and self-indulgence, he can look forward only to lessening powers, wasting faculties, disillusionment, death. The one who gives himself over to sin dies spiritually forever. Yet if the spirit living in this physical frame seeks the source of true life in Christ Jesus, His love and sacrifice are sufficient to forgive us and to turn us to eternal abundant life. His life gives us life without boundaries or limitations. Only Christ by His forgiving love can appease a God Who is as just as He is kind, as wrathful as He is loving. God has and uses the ability both to punish and to bless. It is praiseworthy beyond words that God so loves us that He gave His only begotten Son that we should not perish, "but have everlasting life."

The Christian in personal life day by day should be so grateful for the redeeming love of Christ that he should strive to do His will in all things. We should therefore all be witnesses to the great truth that we are partners in God's plans and accomplishments. Since we are spiritual brothers of the Saviour who brings eternal life within the reach of all, we are obligated to bring others into His family also. Our Lord's greatest desire is for more souls. We too should thirst with a spiritual longing for new sheep in His fold.

WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

1. Why do some people fear death?
2. Why do some eagerly anticipate it?
3. What inner lack does a fear of death indicate?
4. What has Jesus taught about death?
5. What has He taught about Eternal Life?
6. Do you believe Him? Why?
7. What do we mean when we say "When I Die, I Live"?
8. What must we do to be assured of Eternal Life with God?
9. What is the cost of such Eternal Life? For Jesus? For us today?
10. How can we give personal testimony to this faith in God and Heaven?

The Resurrection and My Society

The very name of this topic is a challenge to the Christian life. "When I Die, I Live." Many young people and adults have a terrible fear of death. Perhaps this is because they do not know the One who is Life. Or perhaps it's just because of lack of knowledge of the deeper things of life. In any case, it is a great comfort to know that death is not something to be dreaded, but to be anticipated eagerly one is a Christian. Death is not the end but the beginning for the Christian, whether youth or adult. Jesus has said, "I go and prepare a place for you—that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14:2.) This then is the promise of the Lord of life that we may be with Him. Not until we have experienced physical death can the great birth of Eternal Life begin, in the place of which it is said "there is no night there." The poet has said "Birth is but forgetting, and death is a taking up memory again." What glorious memories we can begin again in our Father's Home of Many Mansions! Let's get our group together to see the glory of it all.

My Personal Witness

If these things represent my faith and my hope can I do less than to share such a treasure with others? Let us live daily for our Lord who lives within us. Let us tell others about Him. Thus we may someday exchange our Cross of earth for the Crown of Heaven. And let's take others with us, too.

From Holy Writ

- M., Apr. 12. Resurrection Promised. Psalm 16:9.
- T., Apr. 13. Resurrection and Life. John 11:21-24.
- W., Apr. 14. Victory Over Death. I Cor. 15:50-54.
- T., Apr. 15. "A Living Hope." I Peter 1:3-5.
- F., Apr. 16. Death to Life. Eph. 2:1-5.
- S., Apr. 17. Risen with Christ. Col. 3:1-4.
- Sun., Apr. 18. Topic—When I Die, I Live (Easter) Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20.

When I Die, I Live

Third Topic in a Series on "The Need for Worship and Witness"

Luke 24:1-9; Romans 14:7, 8
(Easter)



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pray that we may know the abiding experience of Easter, that for us as for Mary, Peter and John of old, the day may hold a personal meeting with the risen Lord, in His name. Amen.

—Permission Builders

Order of Service

PRELUDE.

CALL TO WORSHIP: "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to Him."

HYMN: "Low in the Grave He Lay."

SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 15:12-17, 52, 53; II Corinthians 5:1.

PRAYER.

HYMN: "Rise, Glorious Conqueror, Liveth."

FIFTEEN MINUTE PLAY OR SKIT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING.

SPECIAL MUSIC.

PRESENTATION OF TOPIC.

DISCUSSION.

HYMN: Rise, Glorious Conqueror, Rise."

BENEDICTION.

We Become Members of Christ's Church

This Easter Sunday hundreds of Junior Highs are becoming members of the Christian Church. This is an important and sacred step to take. Those who sincerely join the church in their community and affiliate with the worldwide Christian fellowship are honoring the risen Christ.

Quite likely those who join the Church on this Sunday have taken a course in religious instruction. Our Church gives us a set of doctrinal beliefs. We ought to be

(Please turn to Page 19, Col. 1)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What do we mean by death?
2. What do we mean by eternal life?
3. What did Jesus have to say about life after death?
4. What does St. Paul have to say about immortality in his letters to the various churches?
5. If death does not end all, but is the gateway to a larger and fuller life, then why do so many people have a dreaded fear of death?
6. Can one be a Christian and fear death?
7. What assurance do we have that Jesus Christ is alive today?

Because Easter means a living Christ, it also means a living God, and not merely a living God but also "a Christlike God." It means a God whom we can absolutely trust. We can depend upon Him for guidance in our daily life. We can depend upon Him for forgiveness when we fail. The God who "raised up Christ from the dead," and who raised Him up for our sakes, waits to become, if we will but respond to Him, the most real fact in our day-by-day religious experience.

But we must respond. And "response" means absolutely believing in Him as in Christ He revealed Himself to be.

"Lord, I Believe, Help Thou Mine Unbelief."

All of this does not do away with the mystery that envelops so much of the hereafter. In God's wisdom it must be better so. For that matter, tomorrow is an unknown, mysterious quantity. We must trust God.

For those who cannot understand *why* a certain loved one was taken, the following may help them to be reconciled:

A young boy once went on a two-week vacation with some buddies. There were to be no grown-ups with them, and the boy concluded his pocket money was not enough. His father, with a quizzical smile, murmured something about his son's ignorance of the value of money, but the lad left with an understanding in *his* mind that a money order would reach him soon.

In a few days his money was gone. He sent a card to the father, but a queer thing happened: no answer came during the vacation. His pals chided the lad that his father had forgotten him, but he knew that was false. Yet it was a mystery, so he said, "I'll wait 'till I get home, and he'll tell me himself."

Upon arriving at home, it was all said in several sentences. Much as the father loved the boy, and though it had cost the father great pain to discipline him, the lad never forgot the value of money thereafter.

When we experience the things of life and death that no one can fully explain, it is best to say, "I'll wait 'till I get home, and God will tell me Himself."

Easter Prayer

By Helen Z. Veb

Dear God, thou who art Lord of the Universe, our hearts soar again with the message of promise and assurance: "Christ is risen!" Help us, our Father, to keep this day holy as a day of dedication of self to thee. May we hold in mind the confession we have taken as Christians that Jesus is the Christ, thy Son, who was given for the redemption of mankind. May we, on this Easter Day, renew our vows of consecration to Him and His way of life.

We are eager this Easter, O God, that we shall not be content to repeat the easy phrases, to sing the familiar hymns, to follow the usual routine of our days. We

Aim

To consider the mystery of death.
To sense the true meaning of
ter.

With Christ

Jesus endeavored to prepare His disciples
ace the reality of death. At one time
said, "I go to prepare a place for you.
If I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again, and receive you unto
elf; that where I am there ye may be

Whatever it is that God has in store
each of us beyond the veil which
separates us in this present life from death,
much we can be positive of—Jesus is
el! The same God who seeks every
benefit for mankind here and now was
sent before and in the creation of things.
will be with us until the end of time.
The promise of Christ's presence with us
at death assures us of the continuance
of our conscious spiritual fellowship with
Him. It assures us, likewise, that only the
lies in store for us.

Whether the door of death opens for
into a realm of victorious expectancy
a realm of suffering remorse it is be-
cause we would not find ourselves at home
where else. As Henry Drummond once
said, "Their spiritual lungs are not adapt-
ed to breathe the atmosphere of any other
air."

Those who enter into immortality are
those who are living immortally now—
whose lives are hid in Christ and unto
whom will be given the fulfillment of His
promise, "Though He were dead, yet shall
He live," because He "believeth" on Him.
The Easter day may we live immortally.

Easter's Meaning

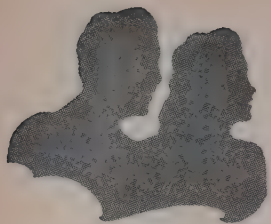
The New Testament tells us of the emp-
ty tomb. It tells us of the appearances of
Christ to the disciples and others after His
death. But it tells us nothing about the
how of the resurrection. Of that great
truth there were no eye witnesses. God
did something, but how He did it we do
not know. We stand there in the presence
of the mystery.

The one great fact is the miracle of the
resurrection. It is the miracle of a Christ
who was still living, still active, still mak-
ing Himself known, and therefore still
able to pour into the hearts of those who
believed in Him and loved Him inspira-
tion and power.

The meaning of Easter, then, is a living
Christ.

From the Book of Books

- Apr. 12. Resurrection Promised. Psalms 16:9-10.
Apr. 13. Resurrection and Life. John 11:21-27.
Apr. 14. Victory Over Death. I Cor. 15:50-58.
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(Easter) Luke 24:1-9; Rom. 14:7, 8.



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Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Today we conclude the series of four topics on the important theme "My Personal Witness." Read the three before this one and try to tie the four together in this meeting. During these weeks there should have been a growth of consciousness among the Christian Endeavorers of the great responsibility we all have as Christians to witness for Christ. Great reasons have been given and discussed. Startling teaching has come from God's word. Each one should better realize the place of evangelism, of the Cross, and of the resurrection in the individual life. All these point to the challenge of "witnessing," of telling others about our Jesus, Who means so much to us. There are both missions and evangelism in this topic. The leader should point out both. Try to teach more about the Great Commission. Learn more Bible passages, pertaining to the topic. Then strive to have all the members use their Bibles and find other "great words for Christ." Have as much missionary material as possible on hand, and pass it out. Use posters, magazines, maps, pictures, films, or exhibits of any nature that will help give emphasis to the missionary character of the meeting. Be sure to ask the society what is going to be done in a practical, positive way to give a "personal witness" of all these things we have studied and discussed together. Definite projects in the field of evangelism and missions should now be set up, in order to make reality of all the fine things the group has said together. Try to be "doers of the word, and not hearers only." (James 1: 22.) We have a great message for the world. Pray God that we will not fail to deliver it.

Daily Home Readings

M., Apr. 19.	Words of Invitation.	
T., Apr. 20.	Words of Forgiveness.	Matt. 11:28.
W., Apr. 21.	Words of Salvation.	Matt. 26:28.
T., Apr. 22.	Words of Life.	Acts 16:31.
F., Apr. 23.	Words of Obedience.	Rom. 6:23.
S., Apr. 24.	Words of Commission.	Luke 6:46.
Sun. Apr. 25.	Topic—Fifteen Words for Christ. (Missionary Emphasis).	Mark 16:15.
		Phil. 2:15, 16a.

Fifteen Words For Christ

Fourth Topic in a Series on "My Personal Witness"

Philippians 2:15, 16a

Aim of The Topic

1. To remember our "Great Commission" from our Lord.
2. To think again of the Christian message for the world.
3. To determine our part in speaking God's "Great Words."

The Message of The Topic

Any word for Christ is a great word, but the Scripture lesson today points out some that are particularly significant. "Fifteen words for Christ" is the topic. These words are indeed challenging: "*Among whom ye shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life.*" (Philippians 2:15, 16.) How significant is this message! Indeed Christians do shine as lights in the world. The world is dark with hate and violence and class strife and ignorance and superstition and sin! How great is that darkness. The light of the Gospel of the Lord of Life is the only hope for ever illuminating the human order. The Apostle Paul says in these fifteen words that we as Christians are "*holding forth the word of life.*" Thus God implies in His Word that we are already being faithful in speaking His message.

In the words preceding these fifteen, Paul says that we are to be blameless and without rebuke "in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation." This applies to us today as well as to those of His day. Truly our national picture, as well as the world scene, would meet this description today. We as Christians have a great message for the world. It is the message that could transform the world. Are we laying hold on the assurances of Christ and the Apostles that are to be carried over land and sea to those who do not hail Him as Lord and Master? Obviously the Christian world has not done its best. We can well anticipate the day when the kingdoms of this world "become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ - - ." (Revelation 11:15.)

These fifteen words are so clear and so pithy that they should be emblazoned on the heart of every Christian. We the Church need to make such words known to all mankind.

These Great Words and My Life

Jesus Himself spoke the words of the Great Commission that give authority to these words. He said to all His followers, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15.) These are the words that have sent men into all parts of the globe to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. He directs His servants with His words, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." (Acts 1:8.) Then witnesses they become. These things were spoken to each of us as well as to those of His day on earth. We, too, because we are Christians are those who "shine as lights in the world holding forth the word of life." Our personal witness, whether at

A SEED THOUGHT

"Missions is but evangelism gone out over the threshold. What does this mean in our witness?"

home (in "Jerusalem") or in the "uttermost part" is the only way the light will spread. Every Christian is the recipient of a great heritage, the eternal life in Christ. Every Christian thus becomes a voice for Christ, that others may share also. If any of us knew the cure for cancer or polio and kept it a hidden secret, he would be rightly condemned for his selfishness. But we have the cure for the worst of mankind's ills, sin, selfishness, superstition. Dare we hold it back from a world sick with its sins? God will not hold us guiltless if we do.

These Great Words and My Society

Each society should find a way to spread out these words of the Gospel, to hold forth the light. The missionary committee should have its regular program and duties all to be shared by the rest of the members. Let every one feel his part in the great Christian missionary enterprise.

It has been suggested that each society make up a list of short, concise Bible verses, ten to twenty words long, that especially typify the great truths of our faith. This may be memorized and used later. Get the Bibles and see how many can be found that especially present our faith, that typify the whole gospel.

My Personal Witness

The individual can best say these things in his own words. He should use the Bibles and others as his testimony: Psalm 23; John 1:12; John 3:16, 17; John 14:1; Acts 1:8; Romans 1:16; Romans 10:9, 10, 13; I Corinthians 1:18; I Corinthians 6:20; II Corinthians 12:9.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What do these fifteen "great words" of Philippians 2:15, 16a mean?
2. What is the great message that we have for the world today?
3. What is the "Great Commission?"
4. What is the Gospel?
5. Describe how we "shine as lights in the world."
6. What can a Christian Endeavor society do to help in missionary work?
7. Name the ten most wonderful Bible passages.
8. What is our "personal witness" in the matter of the Word of Life?
9. What is the relationship between this topic and the two preceding?
10. Why is Christ the world's hope?

"Walking With The Risen Lord"

Fourth Topic in a Series on "The Need for Worship and Witness"

Luke 24:36-53

Intermediate



— APRIL 25 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Our Aim

1. To be aware of Christ and His earnestness at all times.
2. To hear Christ's call to noble and militant living.
3. To learn how to listen to Christ as we walk and talks with us.

What Walking with Christ Means

1. *Walking with Christ is never possible without solitude.* We cannot live in an unrelieved din and confusion of this world and still develop inner resources. There must be moments of solitude in the background of one's life or there is no peace, poise, or power. There must be some place familiar to our steps where, in Jesus' phrase, we can ever go and "shut the door." No great thing is ever dreamed of by one except by men who know the use of solitude "in deep mid-silence open-doored to God."

2. *Walking with Christ is impossible without fellowship.* We are not merely individuals. Just as a single stick, if lighted, will go out, so a single soul, no matter how brightly kindled, in a world like this will be extinguished by itself alone. We must be thrown together if we are to keep our fire. Constantly we need to seek the fellowship of kindred souls who live on the higher levels of life. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," said Jesus, "there am I."

3. *Walking with Christ is never possible without disciplined habitual thinking.* Habitual thinking is the inner loom on which is woven the texture of our real life. For man merely to have some beliefs, however high and Christian they may be, is like having skeins of yarn lying idle on the shelf. Only by schooled and disciplined thinking are our beliefs woven into the texture and fabric of our common days.

How Can I Walk with the Risen Lord?

In the Home?

A. By taking responsibility in the home schedule so as to give those in charge more time for outside service.

B. By denying ourselves for others, thus setting a good example and helping to make a cheerful and godly home.

C. By cultivating regard for the rights and desires of others, thus promoting peace and cooperation in the home.

In the Church?

A. By regular attendance and participation in worship.

B. By preparing ourselves for intelligent service in the work of the church.

C. By giving generously of our money, time and ability.

D. By being friendly and helpful to older persons and visitors.

E. By winning our friends and acquaintances for Christ.

III. At School?

A. By being honest and thorough in class work.

B. By cooperating with teachers and leaders. This evidences self-discipline.

C. By playing clean, hard, and fair in all games and sports. This develops strong character.

D. By clean thinking, pure speaking, and reliable words. This is an example of Christian behavior.

IV. In My Work?

A. By being honest, industrious, and openly Christian.

B. By constant effort to be more efficient.

C. By creating cheerful and wholesome atmosphere in my place of employment.

D. By respecting the rights of others and promoting their best interests.

V. In My Social Relationships?

A. By choosing wholesome associates which helps me and them to keep to the Christian way.

B. By steadfastly and courageously opposing questionable social practices.

C. By promoting a strong social program in the church.

D. By tactful urging of the acceptance of Christ and His way of life to others.

VI. In My Personal Life?

A. By keeping myself physically and mentally fit to keep me efficient for the Lord's use.

B. By keeping close contact with God through prayer and Bible study.

C. By studying people and ways of attracting them to help me be effective as a personal worker to win souls to Christ.

Dramatize Christ's Living Presence

Probably you could stimulate your group to arrange its own presentation portraying certain events in the lives of those people who met Christ in person following His resurrection. Any one, or more, of Christ's appearances can be used as a basis for such skits. Following are a few suggestions:

(1) To Mary. John 20:11-18.

(2) To the women at the tomb. Matthew 28:1-10.

(3) To the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Luke 24:13-35.

(4) To the disciples in the Upper Room. John 20:19-23.

(5) To the seven disciples by the sea of Tiberias. John 21:1-14.

The conversation as found in the scriptures can be best adapted to modern English by referring to one of the modern translations of the New Testament.

What Fellowship With God Means

One of the terms which young people understand today is the word "fellowship." Its real meaning is "to participate, to com-

municate, and to share." It involves two primary ideas — a social relationship and material sharing.

Fellowship is a very good Bible word. You recall how following the establishment of the church in the city of Jerusalem at Pentecost, Dr. Luke, writing in the second chapter of the Book of Acts, says this about the faith and fellowship of the early Christians: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers."

In John's first letter he writes: "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you also, that ye also may have fellowship with us; yea, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ."

In the last line written by Paul to the Church in Corinth is a word that speaks of the highest social relationship into which man has ever been called: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all."

All of these passages indicate that it is our high privilege to walk with Jesus Christ and to have fellowship with the living God through Him. The more we come to experience this kind of close walking with the Lord, the more Christian people can have true fellowship with each other. Believers in Christ have a bond between them that can enhance their daily living. This fellowship is on the highest levels of thinking and living.

A new sense of fellowship is coming into the Christian cause today. Dr. Elton Trueblood, the widely read author, states that "it cuts across denominational lines and even across theological lines." Christian Endeavorers have long known this. To become a part of the Christian fellowship is really to walk with Jesus Christ as Lord and Master. The deepest fellowship emerges as we link ourselves with other of Christ's recruits and engage forthwith in Kingdom tasks.

THE QUIZ PERIOD

1. Let the group members take their Bibles and seek passages where it tells of people who have walked with God and talked with Him.

2. Can we walk with Christ at all times or only on special occasions?

3. Tell of an experience when you were conscious that Christ was walking at your side.

4. Where and when do you find it easiest to pray?

5. What does the term "fellowship" mean?

6. What happens when you walk with Jesus?

Daily Scripture Readings

1. Apr. 19. Called to Walk with Him. I Cor. 1:9, 10.

2. Apr. 20. On the Emmaus Road. Luke 24:13-32.

3. Apr. 21. A Restored Fellowship. John 21:15-17.

4. Apr. 22. Joy in His Presence. John 16:19-23.

5. Apr. 23. His Presence Shows. Acts 4:13.

6. Apr. 24. His Invitation for Fellowship. Rev. 3:20.

7. Apr. 25. Topic—"Walking With the Risen Lord." Luke 24:36-53.

8. Apr. 26. Topic—"Walking With the Risen Lord." Luke 24:36-53.

The Seasonal Use of Audio-Visuals

by Amy Deck Faust

Editor's Note: Mrs. Faust, of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, who writes this monthly feature was recently honored by being made chairman of the Television Committee of United Church Women.

Aids, of visual or audio nature, are many in this day. They may be used, abused, or ignored. To ignore these tools which aid learning is unwise. However, it is often better to do this than to abuse the media.

Let us admit that when projected aids are used some "technical" preparation is necessary. Recordings demand a "play-back." This must run at the speed of the record whether it be 78, 45, or 33 1/3 r.p.m. In addition to the record and the playback, there must be an outlet nearby, or an extension cord to supply it. All of this may sound elementary, but how often a fine program is ruined by so simple a lack of detail.

When tape is to be used for an audio aid, the speed here must be remembered. Tapes may be recorded and played on the same machine, but some machines are capable of only one speed, so checking here is essential. A tape recorded at 3 3/4, 7 1/2 or 15 i.p.s. should be played on a machine capable of that speed.

All of this is important since records and tapes often accompany slides or film strips. The visual projection of a program may be ruined by so simple a thing as letting the record amplifier be at a wrong position, or an outlet be inaccessible.

Learning Not Difficult

If this makes the use of audio-visuals sound difficult, remember that it's not. Simple equipment, basic knowledge of the equipment, and preparation is all that's needed. Learning to use the tool is not difficult. To thread the film in almost any projector is easier than to thread a sewing machine or to change ribbon on a type-

writer. It is not difficult, but it does require basic instruction. We do not expect to drive a car without any instruction or practice. Why hope to project a film without practice or instruction?

Film, whether sound or silent, requires a projector and screen. A silent film may be run on a sound projector, but a sound film must not be run on a silent projector. In some instances film is "shot" at a faster or slower speed, but this is not a problem with the regular rented or purchased film. Although film comes in 8mm, 16mm, and 35mm sizes, the average church film is 16mm for sound or silent film. Slides and film strips are often available from the same company filming the motion picture. For some purposes, largely educational slides or filmstrip are preferable to motion.

The preceding is all by way of recommending to youth groups and church schools the wealth of audio-visuals at hand. An inquiry at a denominational bookstore publishing house, or film distributor will bring details of the rich sources of supplies for Advent, Lent, Easter, and the summer season.

"I Beheld His Glory," the Lenten film, is available in film, filmstrip, and slides (also cleared for TV). Slides from "Christ and the Fine Arts" are in use. Many special Easter aids are for sale or rent.

In addition to the projected aids, there are many objects, chalk talks, flannel-graphs, worship centers, etc. to be used. May we learn to teach by presenting truth to the eye and ear. "By all means."

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2. Check the membership of organizations and clubs in your school and community.

3. Succeed in winning youth to Christ:

1. Expect them to respond.
2. Try to understand them.
3. Commit them; ask them to give an answer to Christ and the Church.
4. Put them into service; use them in a worthwhile task that challenges them to the utmost.

Intermediates — April 18

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Familiar with these beliefs and subscribe to them. To do so will make Church membership more meaningful. All of us need to know what we believe about God and His Way of Life for men as revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. The concepts given to us by the Church of Christ are those to which we subscribe. Let us grasp them ourselves, fearfully and understandingly.

With this great "push" of Easter ought this to be the time for the launching of a great forward movement? It is the time when the Church and the Kingdom of God have a larger hold on us than at any other season of the year. Will your meeting climax this meeting by agreeing on one step that will mean a forward movement for Christ and the Church? In a moving consecration period let us pledge ourselves to go forward, conscious of the presence of the risen and living Comrade.

JUNIOR CE MEETINGS

The Quarterly for Juniors

Topics for April

- April 4. What Is Maundy Thursday?
Mark 14:12-26.
- April 11. What Is Good Friday?
John 19:1-30.
- April 18. What Does Easter Teach Us?
(Easter)
Acts 4:6-10.
- April 25. In A Christian Family We Plan Together.
Proverbs 23:22-26.

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JUNIOR LEADER HONORED

Viroqua Nodolf, chairman of the Junior Work Committee of International Society, has been honored by the Presbyterial of Minneapolis (Minn.), who made her a life associate of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

PLAN TENTH LEGION DAY

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